

**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**April 9, 2017**  
**“Strength for Hard Times”**



**...let us run with perseverance  
the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus the pioneer  
and perfecter of our faith...**

**Hebrews 12:1b-2a**



**Delta Presbyterian Church**

**Strengthening** Christ in us

**Sharing** Christ among us

**Showing** Christ around us

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**Order of Worship**  
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Prelude  
Tolling of the Bell

Frederick Alhaddad, Pianist

**Gathering for Worship**

\*\*Call to Worship

**Matthew 21:1-11**

Susan Keys, Lay Leader

\*\*Hymn

**All Glory, Laud and Honor** (vs. 2-4)

**Strengthening Christ in Us**

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we forget that even for Jesus,  
there were times when life was like a roller coaster.  
We forget that the same crowd who sang his praises on Sunday  
shouted for his death on Friday.  
Forgive us for those times when we have unrealistic expectations,  
expecting our lives to go smoothly,  
thinking we should be spared from suffering,  
seeking to control every aspect of our lives.  
Forgive us we pray, and give us the patience  
to accept the ups and downs that are a part of life.**

*(time for silent prayer)*

**We pray in the name of Christ,  
and we commit ourselves to  
Strengthening Christ in us,  
Sharing Christ among us, and  
Showing Christ around us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*\*Passing of the Peace

\*\*Response

**Glory Be to the Father** (Avery & Marsh)

Scripture Lesson

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** (NRSV)

Anthem

**Since By Man Came Death**

Celebration Choir

Scripture Lesson

**Luke 22:39-46** (NRSV)

Children's Sermon

Baptism of Luke William Wright

Hymn

**Baptized in Water** (vs. 1-3)  
(Children may go downstairs for Sunday School)

Proclamation of the Word

**Strength for Hard Times**

Rev. Wendy S. Pratt

Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength.

Matthew 22:43

\*\*Hymn of Response

**What Wondrous Love Is This** (vs. 1,2,4)

## **Sharing Christ Among Us-- Showing Christ Around Us**

Offering

(Children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up may go downstairs for Sunday School)

**\*\*Response**

**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Life in the Community

Prayers for Those Among & Around Us/Lord's Prayer

**\*\*Closing Hymn**

**Lead on, O King Eternal!**

**\*\*Challenge & Blessing**

**\*\*Closing Response**

**Go With Us, Lord**

Postlude

*\*\*Please stand if you are able*



## Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!

We are pleased to have you worshiping with us this morning. We provide this information to help you fully participate in the worship of God. Please take a moment to sign the guest book on the stand in the back of the sanctuary (worship space) to the left of the drinking fountain. We invite you to stay for our fellowship time following the service. Feel free to help yourself to the coffee and hot water (for tea) that is available in the back of the sanctuary before and after

worship.

Everything you need to participate in worship is on the screen. If you are able, you are invited to stand when the congregation stands.

Restrooms are in the back of the sanctuary on the left.

There is information on the activities at Delta on the counter in the Commitment Center. The Commitment Center is on your left as you leave the sanctuary.

We welcome the sound of children in worship. If your young child is distracting to **you**, you are welcome to do any of the following:

- Get up and move to the back. The colorful bags have small items designed to keep children busy. They are welcome to play with them on the floor in front of the Commitment Center, or you may take the bags to your seats.
- There is a nursery available downstairs. Exit the sanctuary via the door on the right and go straight down the stairs. The nursery (101) is at the foot of the steps on the right. Pagers are available to notify you if your child needs you.
- There is a cry room (202) where you can take your child. Instead of going downstairs, go down the hall and the cry room is on the right. You can view the worship service through a window. The cry room is equipped with a changing table.

Preschool through early elementary children are dismissed following the Children's Sermon. They may either return to their seats, or go downstairs to the Nursery (101 infants & toddlers), or Sunday School (Room 107) Older elementary and youth are dismissed during the offering to go down to the gathering room, except when there is a Fellowship Meal following worship. There are clipboards with worksheets for them to fill out and take downstairs with them.

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

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